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(RCE filed herewith)

For : ZOOM LENS AND IMAGE TAKING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**BOX RCE**

Commissioner Of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request For Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 25 with the following:

25. (Amended) An image taking apparatus comprising:

a photoelectric conversion element; and

an image taking lens for forming an image of an object on a photosensitive surface of

the photoelectric conversion element, said image taking lens comprising said zoom lens defined in claim 9.--

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